



## STATE HIGHER EDUCATION EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The association of State Higher Education Executive Officers was created in 1954 to help its members and the states develop and sustain excellent systems of higher education.

The boards served by the members of SHEEO are responsible for advising governors and legislatures on policies to strengthen higher education's contributions to the states and for performing the governance and coordinating functions assigned to them by law.

### To fulfill its mission, SHEEO:

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- Organizes regular professional development meetings for its members and their senior staff
- Maintains regular systems of communication among the professional staffs of member agencies
- Serves as a liaison between the states and the federal government
- Studies higher education policy issues and state activities and publishes reports to inform the field
- Implements projects to enhance the capacity of the states and SHEEO agencies to improve higher education

### Recent SHEEO projects include:

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- Publication of *More Student Success: A Systemic Solution*
- Annual study of state funding and tuition policy, *State Higher Education Finance*
- Report of the National Commission on Accountability in Higher Education, *Accountability for Better Results - A National Imperative for Higher Education*
- Hosting the "Wellington Group" – a seven-nation dialogue on higher education policy.

### SHEEO's current projects include:

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- Professional development seminars on:
  - ◆ Assessing collegiate-level learning
  - ◆ Building data systems and using unit records
  - ◆ Identifying resources for setting and pursuing a state agenda to enhance access and excellence
  - ◆ Gaining increased productivity
  - ◆ Assisting board members in using accountability to improve performance
- A project with Achieve, the American Council on Education, and the National Association of System Heads to strengthen preparation for college by building stronger lines of communication and collaboration with America's high schools.

### SHEEO's work has been supported by:

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- Member dues
- A contract with the National Center for Education Statistics to operate the SHEEO/NCES Network
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More information about SHEEO, individual state members, and higher education policy can be found at [www.sheeo.org](http://www.sheeo.org).